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SUBJECT: CAMBODIANS SEEK MORE AMERICAN DDT

REF: HONG KONG 1611

1. STAUFFER FAR EAST LTD. MANAGER REPRESENTING MONTROSE
CHEMICAL COMPANY INFORMED CONGENOFF THAT CAMBODIANS AGAIN
PLACED AN ORDER FOR 400 METRIC TONS OF DDT (75 PERCENT WP)
FOR DELIVERY ON EITHER MARCH 25 OR APRIL 25. AN UNUSUAL
ASPECT OF THIS ORDER IS THAT IT WAS MADE THROUGH A HONG KONG
REGISTERED BRANCH OF THE BRITISH FIRM BUCKTON SCOTT RATHER
THAN THE USUAL LOCAL MIDDLEMAN LAP SANG. BUCKTON SCOTT WAS
REPORTEDLY INTRODUCED TO THE CAMBODIANS BY CHINA RESOURCES.
A FORMAL APPLICATION FOR A U.S. EXPORT LICENSE FOR THIS
PURCHASE CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE FILED WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

2. STAUFFER'S MANAGER ALSO COMMENTED THAT AFTER CONSULTATION
WITH MONTROSE HE THINKS IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE VIETNAMESE
DID IN FACT INQUIRE ABOUT A PURCHASE OF 100 METRIC TONS OF
DDT THROUGH THE IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRY (ICI) OR SHELL
AND THAT HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN ERROR IN BELIEVING THE 100
TON SHIPMENT WAS DESTINED FOR CAMBODIA AS REPORTED IN PARA 2
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REFTEL. IF IN FACT A LICENSED SHIPMENT OF AMERICAN GOODS IS
BEING CONSIDERED BY A LOCAL COMPANY IT WILL BE THE FIRST
SUCH COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION MADE FROM HONG KONG.
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